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Low-Cost Assistive Technology Options

Notetaking

Otter.ai	Record and transcribe lectures	Windows & iOS	4.99/month
OneNote	Take typed notes with an audio recording	Windows & iOS	Free
Notability	Use handwriting, typing, audio recording, and pictures	iOS	Free version, 4.99/month (Plus version)
Good Notes	Use handwriting, typing, audio recording, PowerPoint, and pictures	iOS	9.99
AudioNote2	Link notes to recordings	Windows & iOS	9.99/year

Reading (Audio Format)

Bookshare	Digital books with braille, large font, and listening options	Windows, iOS, and most browsers	Free
Natural Reader	Converts text into "natural sounding" audio	Windows & iOS	Free version, (premium options available)
Voice Dream Reader	Converts text into "natural sounding" audio (offline option)	Windows, iOS, and most browsers	59.99/year
NVDA	Screen reader	Windows	Free
Speechify	Reads text aloud	iOS & Chrome	Free version 139.00/year

Reading (Focus)

Beeline Reader	Uses an eye guiding color gradient to increase speed and focus	iOS, PDFs, Firefox, Android, and Chrome	1.99 (app) Free (online browser)
OpenDyslexic	Font that is meant to increase readability for people with dyslexia	Download online	Free

Bionic Reading	Converts text to a font that is meant to increase reading comprehension and speed	iOS, Windows, & most browsers	Free version (premium options available)
Microsoft Immersive Reader	Provides text-to-speech, individualized font spacing, pictures with text, and visual cues that promote focus while reading	All Microsoft Products, iOS, & Windows	Free
Rewordify	Simplifies complex and hard to read texts and provides a thesaurus and dictionary	Online Resource	Free

Writing

Grammarly	Identifies and corrects grammatical, spelling, and punctation errors	Windows, iOS, & Chrome	Free version (premium options available)
Dragon Anywhere	Speech to text software	Windows, iOS	$14.99/month
Google Voice Type	Speech to text software	Chrome	Free
Microsoft Dictate	Speech to text software	Windows Outlook, Word, and PowerPoint	Free
Microsoft Editor	Identifies and corrects spelling, grammar, and punctuation	Windows, Chrome	Free

Organization/Time Management

Agenda	Organizes notes on a timeline and set reminders linked to your calendar	iOS	Free version (paid premium version available)
Any.do	Helps manage to-do lists, create schedules, provide reminders, and set recurring tasks	Windows, iOS, & Chrome	Free version 3.00/month (premium version)
Microsoft To Do	Helps with task management, to-do lists, reminders, and share lists with others	Windows, iOS, Android	Free

Stay Focused	Blocks apps and websites to improve focus; also allows timers to be set for apps	Android, Chrome, iOS, & Windows	Free with optional, paid features
Evernote	Create to-do lists, set reminders, and collaborate with others on shared notes	Windows & iOS	Free version (premium options available)

Screen Modifications

Color Enhancer	Customizable color filter applied to webpages that improves color perception	Chrome	Free
Dark Mode	Allows your browser to turn dark at night	Chrome	Free
Night Shift	Shifts your browser colors to warm tones that are more gentle on your eyes	Chrome	Free
Fokus	Emphasizes text selected by covering the rest of the page in a black, semi-transparent overlay	Chrome	Free
High Contrast	Change or invert color scheme to make webpages easier to read	Chrome	Free

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